

REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed December 18, 2008 the Office noted that claims 11-21 were pending and rejected claims 11-21. Claim 21 has been amended, no claims have been canceled, and, thus, in view of the foregoing claims 11-21 remain pending for reconsideration which is requested. No new matter has been added. The Office's rejections are traversed below.

REJECTIONS under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 11-18 and 20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Ta, U.S. Patent No. 7,359,884. The Applicants respectfully disagree and traverse the rejection with an argument.

The present application was filed May 31, 2005 and claims priority to PCT/FR03/03229 filed November 29, 2003 and French Application No. 02/15084 filed November 29, 2002. A verified translation of the French Application 02/15084 is submitted herewith perfecting priority in the present application.

The Ta reference was filed January 29, 2004 and claims priority to provisional Application 60/363,932 filed March 14, 2002.

Claim 11 recites "[a] system for accessing, at a consultation station, information associated with rights to use said information, the use rights being expressed in a particular

rights expression language, the consultation station including use rights recovery means adapted to recognize use rights expressed in one or more different languages in order to access said information, which system includes a use rights adaptation unit including means for receiving use rights data associated with the information to be accessed; and means for analyzing said use rights data to determine said particular rights expression language in which said use rights associated with said information are expressed, the user rights adaptation unit being associated with means for determining the one or more use rights expression languages recognized by said recovery means of said consultation station, and further including means for comparing the said particular rights expression language with the one or more use rights expression languages recognized by said recovery means of said consultation station to determine if said particular right expression language is recognized by said recovery means; and use rights conversion means for converting the use rights associated with said information when expressed in a language that is not recognized by said recovery means of said consultation station from said particular language in which the use rights associated with the information are expressed to another language selected from the one or more languages recognized by said recovery means of the consultation station."

However, provisional Application 60/363,932 does not disclose a use rights adaptation unit having means for comparing

a particular rights expression language with one or more languages recognised by recovery means of a consultation station and conversion means for converting the use rights from one rights expression language to another rights expression language. The provisional document broadly describes a system having means for expressing rights in a format different to an initial format. The change of format involves reducing the size of codes, parameters or instructions to minimise the size of an XrML document. This may be done by profiling to remove various fields or compression.

Therefore, it cannot be states that TA discloses "use rights conversion means for converting the use rights associated with said information when expressed in a language that is not recognized by said recovery means of said consultation station from said particular language in which the use rights associated with the information are expressed to another language selected from the one or more languages recognized by said recovery means of the consultation station," as in claim 11 is disclosed. As such a feature is not found in the priory document of Ta, the effective date for such a feature in Ta is January 29, 2004, well after the priority date of the instant Application.

Claim 20 recites a similar feature. Therefore, for at least the reasons discussed above Ta does not anticipate claims 11 and 20 and the claims dependent therefrom.

Claim 21 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as

being anticipated by Cho, KR-2002019806. The Applicants respectfully disagree and traverse the rejection with an argument and amendment.

Claim 21 has been amended to recite "consultation station adapted to consult information associated with rights to use said information, the use rights being expressed in a particular language, including use rights recovery means adapted to recognize use rights expressed in one or more different languages in order to access said information, which consultation station includes means for declaring a list of one or more use rights expression languages recognized by said recovery means *with a priority order*, to a use rights adaptation unit in order to receive from the said rights adaptation unit converted use rights associated with said information, the conversion being done according to one of the rights expression language of the transmitted list *and according to the priority order.*" (Emphasis added)

Support for the amendment may be found, for example, on page 7, lines 14-18, page 8, lines 2 to 9) of the application as filed (or ¶¶ 0055 and 0060 of the published version of the Specification). The Applicants submit that no new matter is believed to have been added by the amendment of claim 21.

There is no disclosure or teaching in Cho of declaring a priority order of use rights expression languages. In Cho the user specifies the required rights expression language to the

server.

Withdrawal of the rejections is respectfully requested.

REJECTIONS under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claim 19 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over Ta in view of Bormans. The Applicants respectfully disagree and traverse the rejection with an argument.

Bormans adds noting to the deficiencies of Ta as applied against amended claim 1. Therefore, Ta and Bormans, taken separately or in combination, fail to render obvious the features of claim 19.

Withdrawal of the rejections is respectfully requested.

SUMMARY

It is submitted that the claims satisfy the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103. It is also submitted that claims 11-21 continue to be allowable. It is further submitted that the claims are not taught, disclosed or suggested by the prior art. The claims are therefore in a condition suitable for allowance. An early Notice of Allowance is requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any

overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

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APPENDIX:

- verified translation of French Application 02/15084